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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2162  
PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Heinz PAULY, et al.

Application No.: 09/937,707

Filed: October 1, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DATA  
MAINTENANCE IN A NETWORK  
OF PARTIALLY REPLICATED  
DATABASE SYSTEMS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed December 2, 2004, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendments section and begin on page 13 of this paper.